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## In The Provincial Legislature

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With the opening of another session it is my intention to again supply through the columns of this paper a weekly account of some of the highlights of what transpires in the Legislative Assembly.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the editor of this paper for providing this space in order that you may become better acquainted with some of the things that the Legislature is doing.

This year, I witnessed the largest crowd that has been on hand at an opening since 1935. Alberta's new Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable J. J. Howland, performed for the first time the traditional speech from the throne. His approach to the parliament buildings was marked by a fifteen gun salute and the playing of the Air Force Band. The Guard of Honor was inspected by His Honour before he was invited to inspect the members of the assembly.

At 10:30 a.m. the official opening of the session was made by Premier E. C. Manning.

For the first time the opening and the reading of the Speech from the Throne was broadcast. The Spanish translation indicates some of the major matters to come before Session. Due to the rapid expansion of the oil industry, and increased revenues as a result, larger expenditures were forecast.

A provincial fund is to be established to aid school districts in part of their costs for new buildings. More main highways and bridges are forecast as well as increased grants for municipalities, hospital districts and education.

During 1949 nine new oil strikes were made in the province, and considerable expansion is forecast in the major fields such as Bedeque and Leduc. It is the Government's policy to continue to see that these resources are developed in such a way as to benefit all of the people of the province.

An aerial photograph has been taken of the entire forested areas of the province. This will give valuable information helpful in forest and soil conservation, road building, etc. The government is urging the extensive planting of trees by Alberta residents in 1950.

The Alberta Memorial Sanitorium is to be completed in 1950, and a B. Unit built at Olds. The Alberta Legislation Bill was introduced to make possible the establishing of rural government on a county basis. Under this set-up the municipal, school and hospital affairs would be handled by one board. The people of the province have asked to be established on such a basis, but no action will be taken to establish them where there is not a request from the people involved.

Rental control legislation was introduced for the first time, which provides a competent body to act as a referee between landlords and tenants when the two parties cannot reach a mutual agreement on their own.

The motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. Andy Aishong of Alexandra, and seconded by Mr. Wm. Kovach, Government member from Crownest. Mr. Aishong quoted from many sources indicating the wide popularity Mr. Alberta is having today for her development and her recognized sound government. He indicated that the main road had been hard-surfaced from the Saskatchewan border to Kitacty. This program is likely to be extended due to the present economic situation.

Mr. Kovach from Crowfoot urged the necessity of a national coal policy to provide an outlet for more Alberta coal. He claimed that Canada was spending 15 million dollars each year to buy American coal when better coal could be secured from Alberta. It would help the railway business as well as provide more employment for Canadians. He hoped this matter would be discussed at the next Dominion Provincial conference.

### CUT DOWN FIRE LOSSES

Before this year comes to a close we will be sorry to lose 60,000,000 worth of Canadian property, statistician predicts. Scores will be left homeless. A large number of adults and children will never see the day of next year. Their charred bodies will be found among the smouldering ruins of what had been happy homes.

A rural fire is infinitely more terrifying than one in an urban centre where fire brigade is not far away.



**ENGLISH BY SHROT WAVE**—That is one of the latest developments at CBC International Service headquarters in Montreal, coming just as the "Voice of Canada" celebrates the fifth anniversary of its inauguration. The picture shows Sonja Wollert and Sonia Brown, both of the Swedish

When a farm building catches fire the best that can usually be mustered is a bucket brigade of neighboring farmers who are willing but often helpless. It is vital, therefore, that every farmer has his own fire prevention program.

To check the quick spreading flames, curtains and other fabric materials in the home can be treated with fire retardants, preventing most fires.

Fire retardants are now on the market. Inexpensive fire extinguishers can be hung in easily accessible places about the house and garage. Outbreaks of fire can be prevented if a few simple rules are followed.

Keep basements, attics and buildings free of rubbish. Store gasoline and other inflammable liquids at a safe distance from main entrance. Prune back places where the leaves of trees, shrubs or bushes have the elevator Master Merit Certificate. This is an award given by the Grain Insurance and Committee Company in recognition of outstanding proficiency in the maintenance of grain elevator premises. To earn this an elevator agent must have a perfect record for a period of ten consecutive years.

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Each spring, when it checks over eaves troughs and flues for cracks that could permit flames to reach other parts of the house. A ladder long enough to reach the top of the highest building on the farm should be in a handy place in case of fire.

If the statistician mentioned in the first paragraph could be halved or eliminated altogether, we're positive the statisticians won't mind being wrong in the prediction. In fact they'll be extremely pleased.

### One Man Alone

What can one man alone accomplish against the world? Lost in this tiny planet whirling in the dark immensity of space, stifled by the growing complexities of a civilization still close to savagery, battered by the struggle for existence, what can one man do? He can save a spark of human generosity and kindness that will warm his heart and set a light to guide his path.

By joining his hand with others a man can see his size and need to work together. By cooperating with others a man can help to stem the currents of misfortune and ill luck that overwhelm many.

Red Cross is a man who has dedicated his life to helping others, and each of us is in this great co-operative effort.

This response from one heart in concert with millions that makes the Red Cross a living symbol of mercy.

Each year Red Cross extends the opportunity for each one of us to do something to help others, and in the last analysis, to help ourselves. Through its medium, we express Canada's generosity to other people of the world, and in doing so, help our own when misfortune strikes; we lay the foundations for the better health and well-being of our own citizens and the coming generations.

That's why we say, as the annual Red Cross appeal states: "Give generously! Give from the heart!"

Britain's war with France in 1950 was partially paid for by a tax on tobacco.

section of the International Service, sorting out of a day's mail from London, is Sonja Wollert. Gomer Palmer, in charge of the Swedish programs, said: "Any fears we may have had about the popularity of the course have been dispelled. Already over 2,500 enquiries have arrived and more are coming in daily."

### Master Merlin Award Is Won By Local Man

Mr. M. A. Palmer of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co. (1948) Limited at Shoultz has gained the distinct honour of being numbered among those who have won the elevator Master Merit Certificate. This is an award given by the Grain Insurance and Committee Company in recognition of outstanding proficiency in the maintenance of grain elevator premises.

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### FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

Ian Maclean of the Bank of Commerce staff has been moved to Provost.

J. Hornby of Calgary arrived in town Monday to examine the school building and his report is expected to reach the school board soon. It is stated the erection of a new school will be completed by fall.

Mrs. H. S. Haslays assisted by

Mrs. H. G. Bates entered at mass under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church. The sum of \$40 was realized for the church.

G. C. Maclean of Macleod is visiting friends in town.

After an absence of four years Charles Marker has returned to the district. He is on the lookout for a farm and hopes to get one south of town.

Constable A. Battie left on this morning train with his big bloodhound for Olds, where he has been called to trace a man who is believed to have committed a robbery.

He has been unable to find the man.

He has been unable to find the





ELECTRONIC SCALE DEVELOPED  
TO WEIGH LIVESTOCK

An electronic scale for weighing livestock in public markets has been developed, making nearly all possibility of error incorrect weights have been developed. The new scale measures the weight of livestock through electrical signals recorded on a card. When certain buttons are used, it prints automatically the weight, number and type of animal, name of the weigher and selling price. The date and type of animals, and the date and time of sale. It is so constructed that it is impossible to register anything other than the weight of the load.

actually on the scale platform, and it is accurate to within 5 pounds on loads up to 35,000 pounds.

The scale was developed by an electronic instrument company, working under contract with the department under the research and marketing act of 1946. The work was supervised by the stock branch of the department of agriculture.

The company previously had produced electrical strain gauge cells which are the basic feature of the device. It had used them in scales for weighing aircraft. Most of the weight of the aircraft scale was required to adapt it to use for weighing livestock, and extensive tests and trials at markets were necessary to assure dependability and accuracy of the changed mechanisms under all weather conditions.

Errors of several kinds are possible with the conventional weighbeam type of scale. Dirt accumulations on the beam, for example, reduce accuracy. Dirt and moisture on the scale platform are reflected in the weight recorded unless the scale is frequently rebalanced. Rodents interfering with the weight beam also may cause errors. It is necessary to rebalance the scale after each use of 500 pounds. In addition, carelessness or intentional manipulation of the scale by the weigher could produce an erroneous weight record unless the scale is frequently rebalanced.

With the new scale, the weight is indicated on a large dial, easily readable from 10 feet away. Rebalancing of the scale to allow for ac-

cumulations on the platform can be accomplished simply by pushing a button.

The electronic scale costs more than conventional scales, but it is faster in speed, more accurate, and other points of superiority are believed to more than counter-balance the extra cost. Some weighmen already are planning to install scales of this type.

Town & District

Mrs. A. Seave is at present confined to a hospital in Calgary having undergone an operation. Saturday.

While getting out of a car Mrs. J. Collins slipped on the icy road and broke her ankle in two places. At present she is in a Calgary hospital.

Saturday five friends of Gleichen lady curriers attended the Bassano ladies luncheon. To risk skipped by Mrs. T. Brown won first prize and Mrs. J. Wilson the consolation. The ladies report they had a grand time in the eastern town.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipp Schmidt of Calgary spent Sunday in town visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, and their many friends about town.

Saturday was the warmest day we have had in the middle of winter. This time it was a real chill, which lasted for some hours during the day and caused the snow to melt rapidly and streams of water was running everywhere. The weather has been cooler since with some snow flurries.

Col. Wm. Taylor of Trail, B.C. spent a few days in town last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Taylor. Bill had been up at Trail working for some days with the troops going through the winter training work. He says he enjoys the outing even though the weather was cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Calgary spent the weekend in town visiting the former's parents. Bob is on the staff of the C.P.R.

W. J. Phythian entered the Belcher hospital in Calgary last week. He had not been feeling very well of late.

Patient—"I am doctor, don't you think it would be a good idea if I were to pack up and go to some place where the climate is warm?" Doctor: "Good heavens! Isn't that just what I've been trying to prevent?"

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dunn of Cal-  
gleen, Alta., have announced the  
engagement of their youngest daughter, Mary, to  
Mr. George Elliott Evans, youngest  
son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans of  
Gleichen. The marriage will take  
place April 8th, in Central United  
Church, Calgary.

EDWARD R. HARPER  
COMMISSIONED  
RAIMO OFFICER

The promotions of four Chief Petty Officers of the Electrical branch of the Royal Canadian Navy to the rank of Acting Commander Radio Officers were announced from Ottawa. One of them Acting Commander Radio Officer Edward R. Harper was born in Gleichen, later living in Sarnia, B.C. He joined the R.C.N. as a Boy Seaman in October, 1941, and completed his basic training at Esquimalt, serving on board the destroyer H.M.C.S. Restigouche until September 1949.

He then specialized in wireless telegraphy and for the next six years served in the Royal Canadian Navy in messes and at sea on the auxiliary cruiser H.M.C.S. Prince Robert, the frigates Penetanguishene and La Héritière and the mine sweeper Chignecto. In July 1947, he transferred from Petty Officer to Grade 2 Radio Tele-  
operator, responsible in the repair and maintenance of radio and radar equipment.

Mr. Harper recently completed an apprenticeship at the Royal Naval College, Halifax, qualifying him for promotion to commissioned rank. He is at present serving in H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax.

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